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EVER SINCE SUPER-FAST SONIC THE HEDGEHOG AND HIS FRIENDS ARRIVED ON EARTH (WHERE THEY'VE BEEN TRAPPED EVER SINCE), IT HAS BEEN ONE EXCITING ADVENTURE AFTER ANOTHER. BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN THEY DON'T TAKE TIME OUT TO RELAX AND HAVE FUN.

TODAY THEY ARE ENJOYING A COOKOUT AT THE THORNDYKE MANSION, HOME OF THEIR HUMAN FRIEND CHRISTOPHER THORNDYKE AND CHRIS' GRANDFATHER CHUCK.

HOW DID YOU, CHARMY, AND ESPIO GET BACK TO THIS EARTH, *VECTOR?* I THOUGHT YOU RETURNED TO OUR WORLD! *

IT'S WEIRD, *KNUCKLES.* ONE DAY, WE WERE SITTING IN OUR OFFICE ON OUR HOME WORLD, AND THEN SUDDENLY SONIC SHOWED UP TO ASK FOR *DATING ADVICE*** AND WE REALIZED WE WERE BACK ON EARTH. WE HAVE NO IDEA HOW IT HAPPENED.

"DATING ADVICE"...? I KNEW SONIC LIKED ME! HE'S JUST TOO SHY...

...TO ADMIT IT!

*WE SAW THE CHAOTIX DETECTIVE AGENCY DISAPPEAR FROM EARTH IN SONIC X #10.

**AS SEEN IN SONIC X #16.

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SO, WHAT DID YOU DO WHILE YOU WERE BACK ON YOUR WORLD, VECTOR?

WE SOLVED A *DOZEN DIFFERENT CASES* AND FOUGHT *TWO DOZEN AMAZING BATTLES.*

THERE WAS ONE CASE WHERE WE HAD TO SAVE A SMALL CHILD WHO'D FALLEN INTO ONE OF EGGMAN'S ABANDONED SECRET LAIRS.

SO, WHAT DO YOU DO AROUND HERE FOR *EXCITEMENT,* KNUCKLES?

I DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME FOR EXCITEMENT, ESPIO. IT IS MY JOB TO *PROTECT THE MASTER EMERALD.*

BUT THERE WAS THIS ONE TIME...

MY FRIEND HAWK TOLD ME HE'D FOUND A CHAOS EMERALD...

*"...AND I HAD TO FIGHT ONE OF EGGMAN'S NINJA ROBOTS."**

*AS SEEN IN THE SONIC X TV SHOW.

WHAT ABOUT YOU, SONIC? I BET YOU HAVE *LOTS* OF EXCITING ADVENTURES.

WELL, I DON'T LIKE TO BRAG, CHARMY...

"...BUT JUST YESTERDAY, I STOPPED A PLANE FROM CRASHING, BEAT SAM SPEED IN A RACE, AND DEFEATED ANOTHER OF EGGMAN'S CRAZY SCHEMES TO CONQUER THE EARTH."

IMPRESSIVE.

IT WAS A *SLOW* DAY.

I DIDN'T KNOW YOU DID ALL THAT.

YOU WERE IN SCHOOL.

I WISH EXCITING THINGS LIKE THAT HAPPENED TO *ME*, CREAM.

!

THEY *DO*, CHRIS. ALL THE TIME.

LISTEN TO THEM. THEY ALL HAVE SUCH EXCITING STORIES TO TELL.

I KNOW.

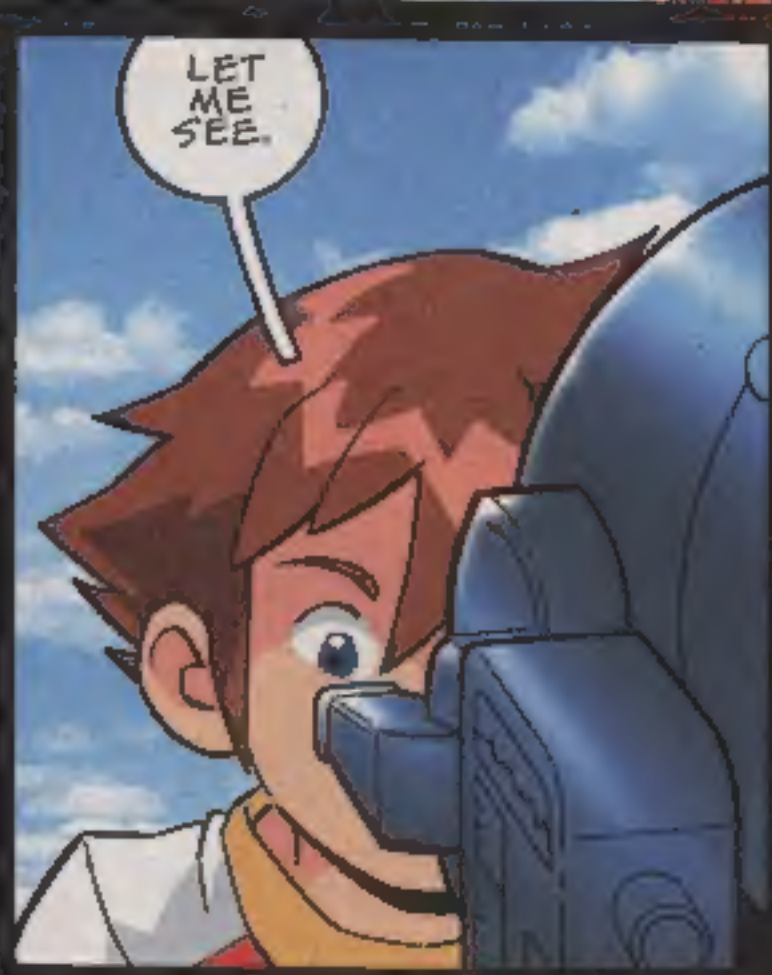
CHAO CHAO.

BUT ONLY BECAUSE I'M FRIENDS WITH SONIC. IT'S NOT LIKE THEY'RE *MY* ADVENTURES.

HEY, EVERYONE! COME UP HERE RIGHT NOW!

WHAT'S WRONG, GRANDPA?

I WAS LOOKING THROUGH MY TELESCOPE...
...AND I FOUND A METEOR THAT'S HEADING...
...STRAIGHT TOWARD EARTH!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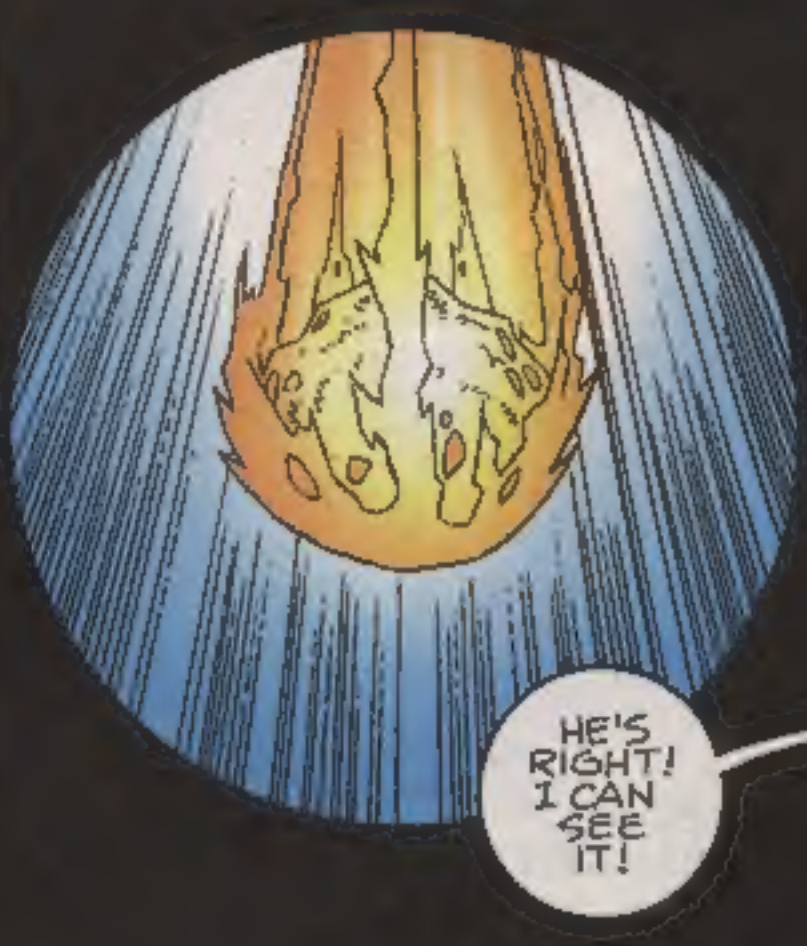
HE'S RIGHT! I CAN SEE IT!

SO A FLAMING HUNK OF STONE IS HURTLING TOWARDS EARTH. IS IT GOING TO HURT ANYONE?

NO. ACCORDING TO MY READINGS, IT'S GOING TO LAND HARMLESSLY...

...AT THE SOUTH POLE.

THEN WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?

SONIC'S GOT A POINT, CHUCK...

METEORS HIT THE EARTH EVERY DAY... WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT THIS ONE?

MY READINGS SHOW THAT THERE IS A *CHAOS EMERALD* INSIDE IT.

WELL, THIS AFTERNOON JUST GOT A LOT MORE INTERESTING!

WE'VE GOT TO GET TO IT *BEFORE THAT ROTTEN EGGMAN DOES!*

WHO KNOWS WHAT *EVIL USE* HE'D PUT IT TO!

UH-- IS THERE GOOD FISHING AT THE SOUTH POLE?

I HAVE A GREAT IDEA, GUYS!

WHY DON'T WE SPLIT INTO TEAMS? THE TEAM THAT GETS THE CHAOS EMERALD AND BRINGS IT BACK HERE FIRST WILL BE THE WINNER.

THAT SOUNDS LIKE *FUN.*

AND WE CAN MAKE SURE THE EMERALD DOESN'T FALL INTO--

--EGG-MAN'S GREASY HANDS.

I HAVE *MORE IMPORTANT THINGS* TO DO.

WHAT DO *YOU* THINK, SONIC? YOU AND I WOULD MAKE A *PERFECT* TEAM!

WITH *MY* SPEED, I COULD GO TO THE SOUTH POLE AND BRING IT BACK HERE BEFORE THE REST OF YOU FINISH CHOOSING TEAMS.

WHAT'S THE MATTER, SONIC? ARE YOU AFRAID OF--

--A LITTLE *FRIENDLY COMPETITION?*

I'M NOT AFRAID OF *ANYTHING!* LET'S DO THIS THING!

GREAT! I'LL BE A CAPTAIN. AND SONIC. AND KNUCKLES. WE'LL DRAW STRAWS TO SEE WHO PICKS FIRST.

I MUST GUARD THE MASTER EMERALD.

BRING IT WITH YOU.

I WORK BEST *ALONE.*

THEN BE YOUR OWN TEAM. *I'LL* BE THE THIRD CAPTAIN.

FINE. I'LL GO...

YOU CHOOSE FIRST, SONIC. THEN VECTOR. THEN ME.

PICK ME! PICK ME!

TAILS!

ESPIO.

CREAM.

BIG.

AMY.

CHARMY.

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE *US*, CHRIS?

I WANT TO SHOW EVERY-BODY...

...THAT WE CAN BE GREAT ADVENTURERS, TOO. JUST WAIT UNTIL YOU SEE THE LOOKS ON THEIR FACES WHEN *WE* WIN THE GAME!

GET READY...GET SET...

"...GO!"

AS SONIC LEAVES HIS FRIENDS IN THE DUST, THE METEOR HEADS FOR THE SOUTH POLE.

WHO WILL BE THE FIRST TO GET TO THE METEOR?

SONIC, OF COURSE. LIKE YOU DIDN'T SEE THAT COMING.

THERE'S ONLY ONE PROBLEM FOR SONIC...

...SPEED, ICE, AND QUICK STOPS DON'T MIX WELL.

YIIIIIII KES!

(DID YOU SEE THAT ONE COMING?)

GET READY TO CATCH IT!

HEY-- I'M NOT GOING TO LET SONIC WIN, NOT AFTER THE WAY HE SNUBBED ME!

THIS IS A SILLY GAME!

CHUCK DIDN'T TELL US IT WAS THAT BIG!

IT'S BIGGER THAN ME, FROGGY!

RUN AWAY!

KER-SPLASH!

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THAT WATER IS FREEZING!

IT'S IN THE WATER?

I HATE WATER!

UH--DON'T WORRY, SONIC! I HAVE A PLAN!

YOU ARE ALL SUCH WIMPS!

SPLOOF

WHAT WAS THAT?

WHO WAS THAT?

ROUGE!

WE SHOULD HAVE KNOWN SHE'D SHOW UP!

GIVE ME THAT METEOR, YOU THIEF!

IS THAT ANY WAY TO SPEAK TO A LADY?

WE FOUND IT FIRST! IT'S OURS!

POSSESSION IS NINE TENTHS OF THE LAW.

HOW DID YOU FIND OUT ABOUT THE METEOR?

BEING A SPY FOR THE GUARDIAN UNITS OF THE NATIONS HAS ITS ADVANTAGES!

THERE THEY ARE, AND ROUGE IS WITH THEM.

DO YOU REALLY THINK *WE* CAN GET THE METEOR AWAY FROM THEM? THEY'RE *BIGGER, OLDER,* AND *FASTER* THAN US!

WE DON'T HAVE TO BE BIGGER OLDER OR FASTER THAN THEM IF WE RE *SMARTER!*

THANKS FOR GETTING THE METEOR OUT OF THE WATER, ROUGE.

NOW I'LL JUST TAKE IT BACK!

YOU CAN *TRY,* BLUE BOY!

SONIC, CATCH!

THANKS, TAILS! THIS IS JUST WHAT I WANTED!

HIS SPEED BOOSTED BY THE MAGIC RING, SONIC BURSTS INTO SUPERSPIN!

WHUNK

THERE IT GOES.

THIS IS OUR CHANCE! FOLLOW IT!

CRASH

HOW ARE WE GOING TO GET THE METEOR OUT OF THERE?

IT'S TOO BIG FOR US TO DIG OUT.

CHAO!

I DON'T THINK WE'LL HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT.

PARDON ME.

COMING THROUGH!

SEE WHAT I MEAN?

GET HIM!

ELSEWHERE, IN A FAR WARMER PART OF THE WORLD (BRAZIL, TO BE EXACT)...

...DR. EGGMAN IS ENJOYING A MUCH-NEEDED VACATION FROM TAKING OVER THE WORLD

♪ KEEP ♪ YOUR BRAIN-- KEEP YOUR BRAIN-- KEEP YOUR BRAIN IN THE GAME!

WHILE INSIDE THE EGG CARRIER, DR EGGMAN'S LOYAL HENCH-BOTS ARE ON MONITOR DUTY.

DO YOU THINK...

...WE SHOULD TELL THE BOSS ABOUT THE METEOR AND THE CHAOS EMERALD, DECOE?

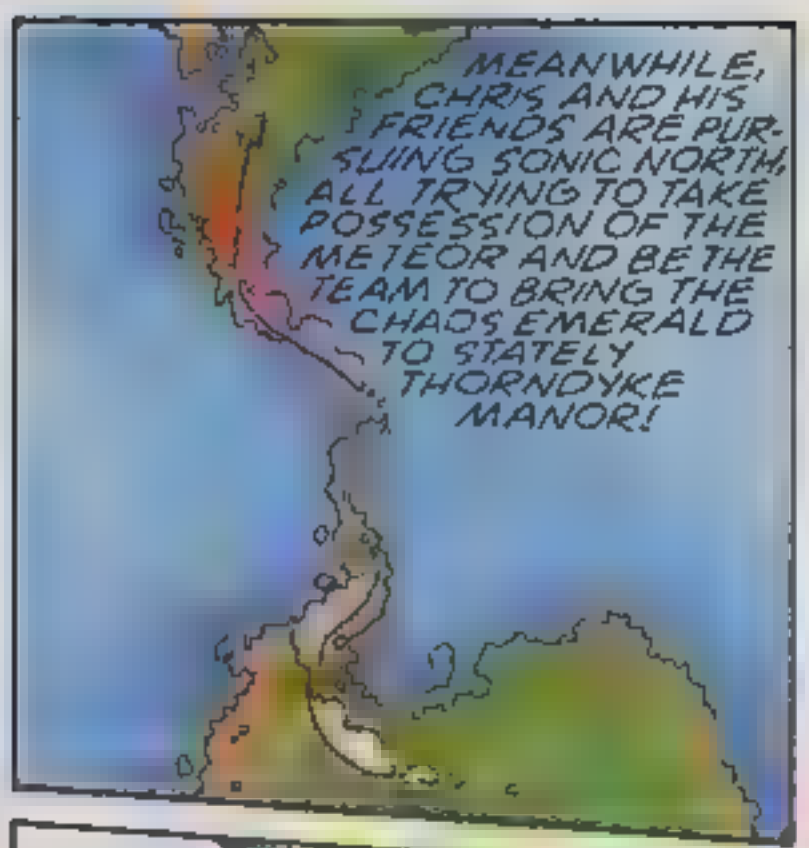
DR EGGMAN TOLD US WE WERE NOT TO INTERRUPT HIS MUD BATH UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES

MAYBE *WE* SHOULD GO GET THE CHAOS EMERALD OUR-SELVES AND SHOW THE BOSS HOW VALUABLE WE ARE

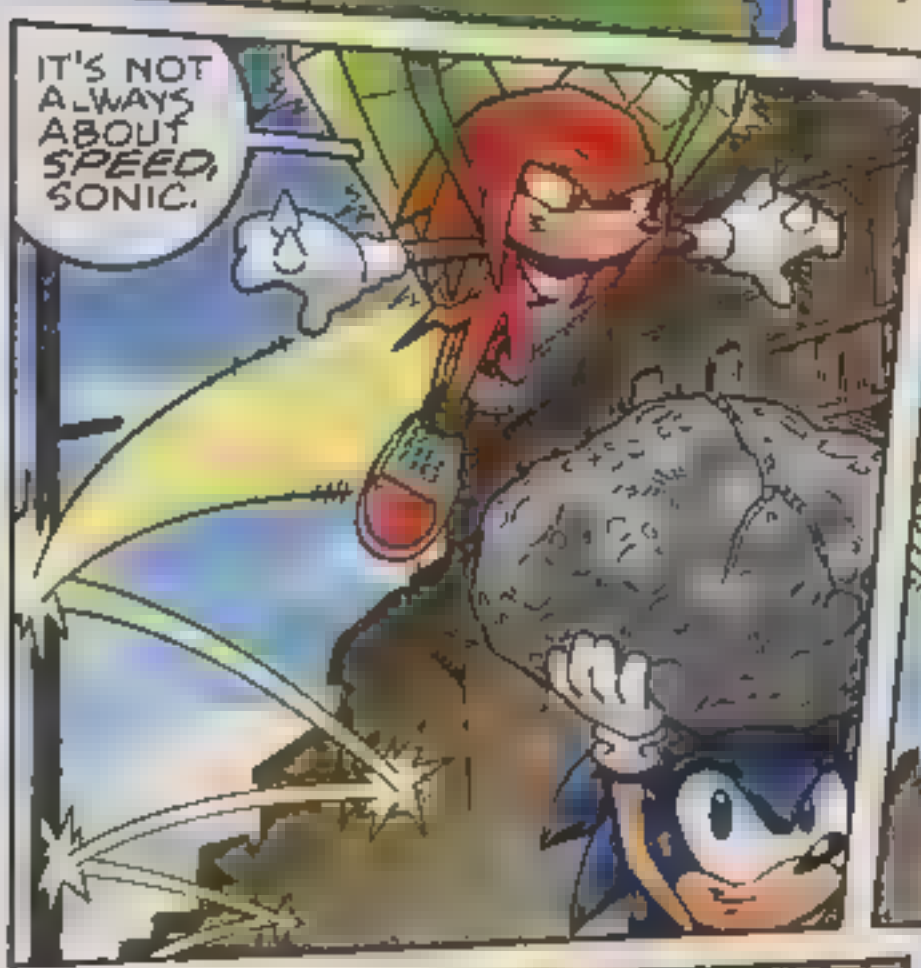
IT'S OUR *DAY OFF.*

WE CAN TAKE OVER THE WORLD TOMORROW BOKKUN

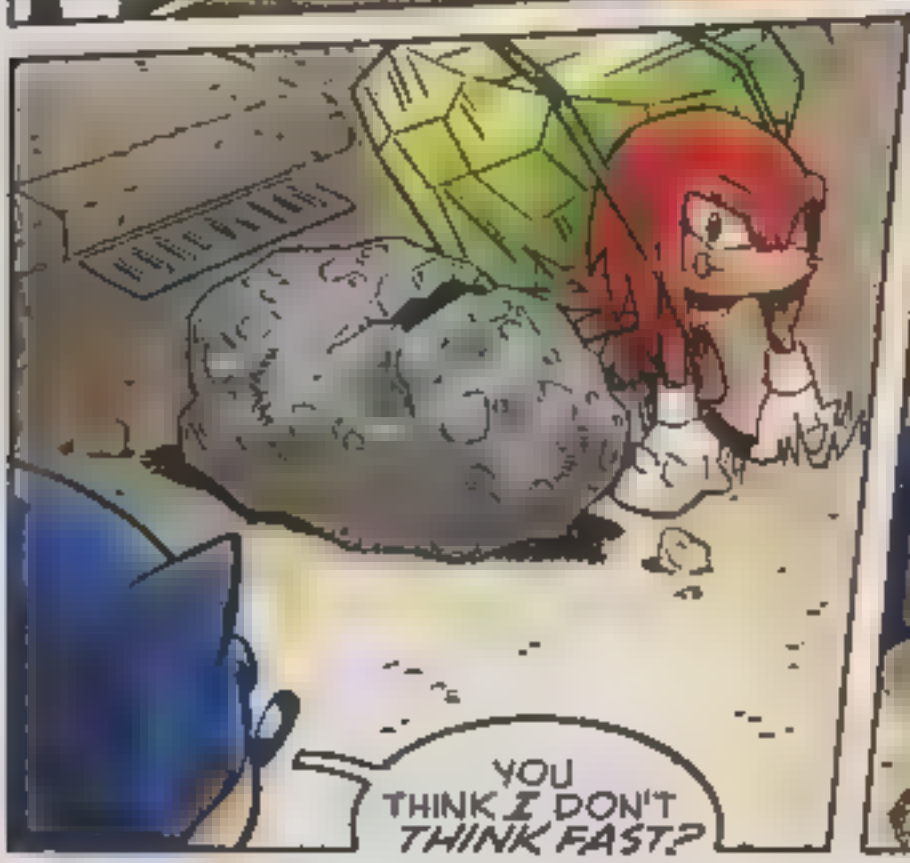
YUM! PEPPER-MINT!

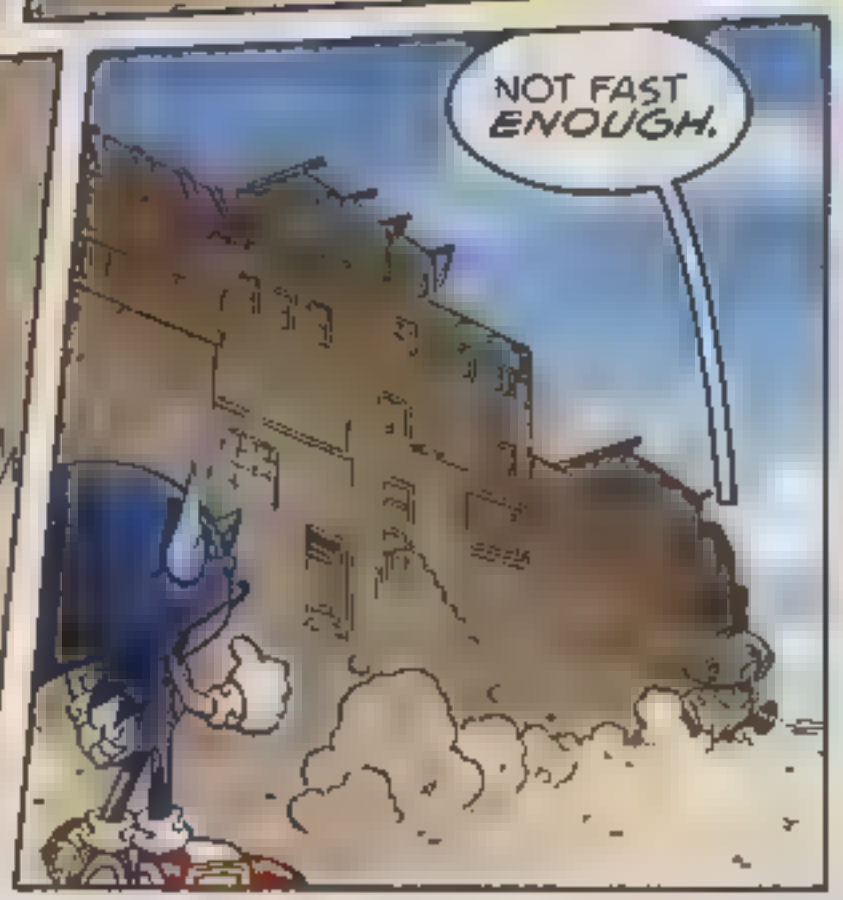

MEANWHILE, CHRIS AND HIS FRIENDS ARE PURSUING SONIC NORTH, ALL TRYING TO TAKE POSSESSION OF THE METEOR AND BE THE TEAM TO BRING THE CHAOS EMERALD TO STATELY THORNDYKE MANOR!

IN ARGENTINA.
FACE IT KNUCKLES, I'LL ALWAYS BE FASTER THAN YOU!


IT'S NOT ALWAYS ABOUT SPEED, SONIC.

SOMETIMES IT'S BETTER TO USE STRATEGY!


YOU THINK I DON'T THINK FAST?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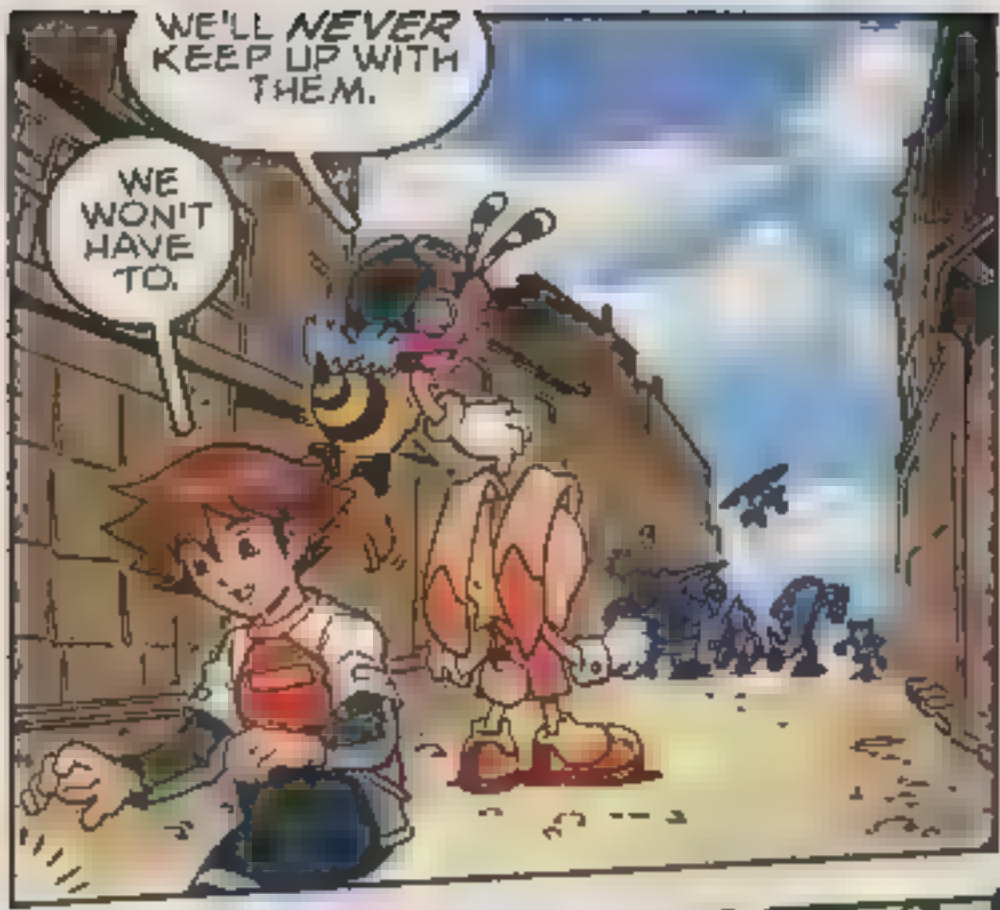
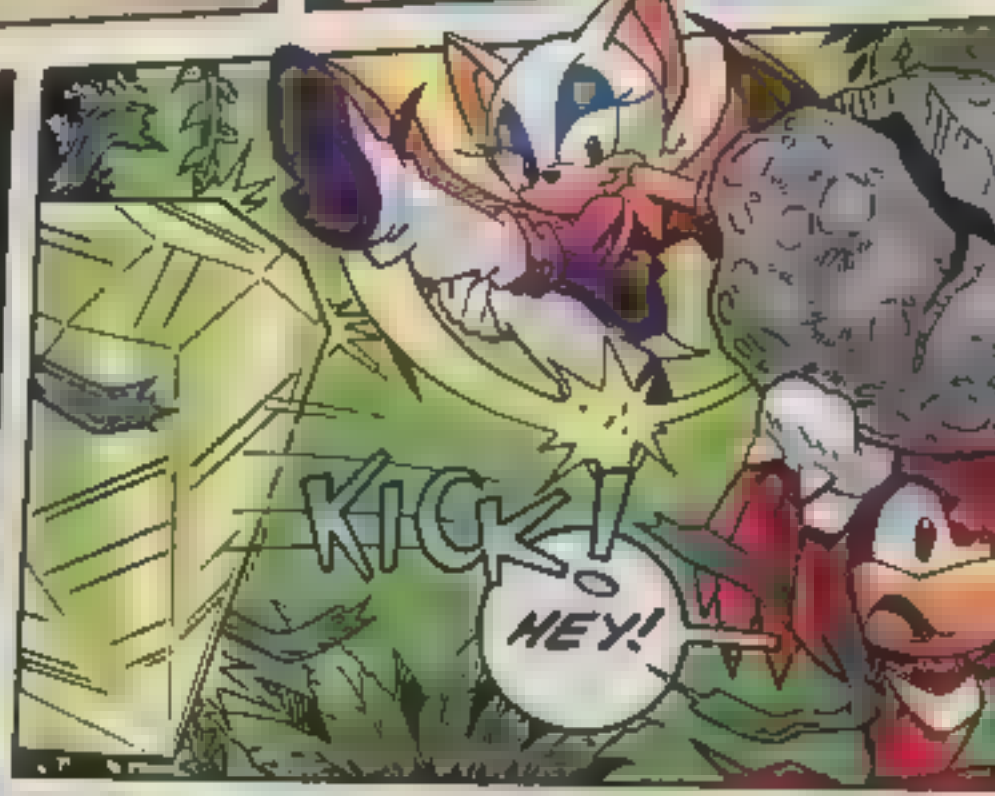
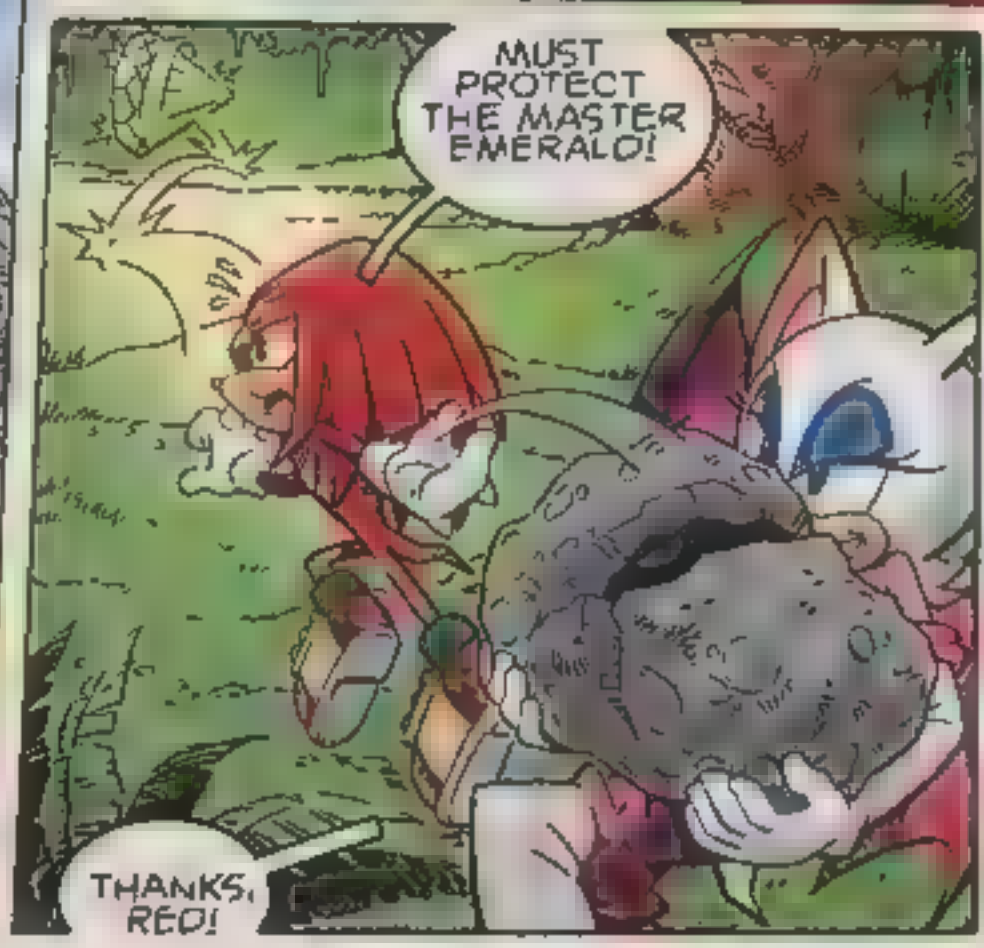

WE'LL NEVER KEEP UP WITH THEM.
WE WON'T HAVE TO.

THE RACE CONTINUES WITH KNUCKLES IN THE LEAD. HOW LONG DO YOU THINK THAT WILL LAST?
BRAZIL

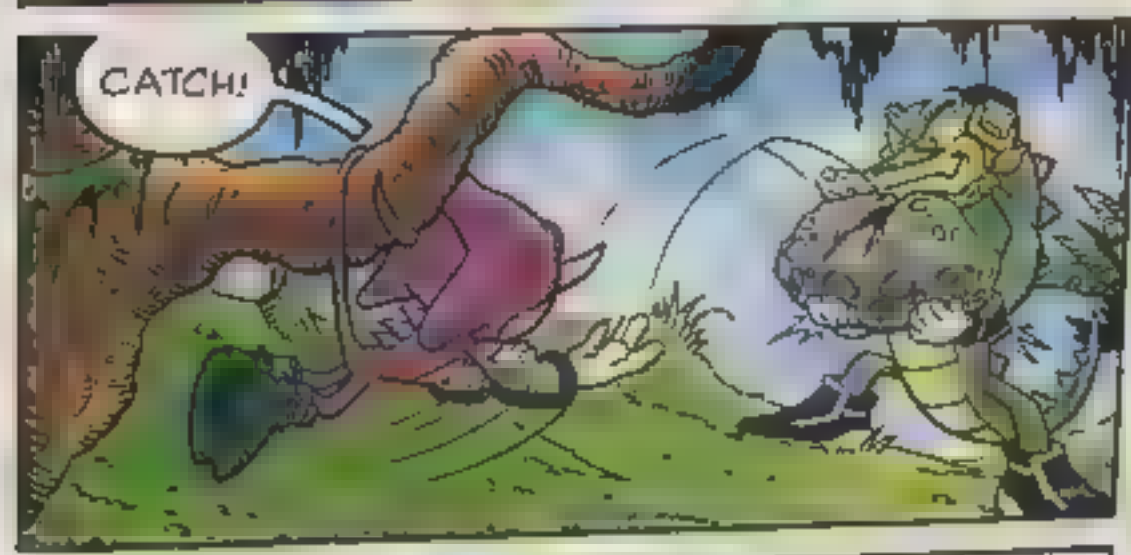
YOU'LL NEVER GET THE METEOR OUT OF MY HANDS, ROUGE!
I WON'T HAVE TO! YOU'RE JUST GOING TO DROP IT FOR ME
AS IF!

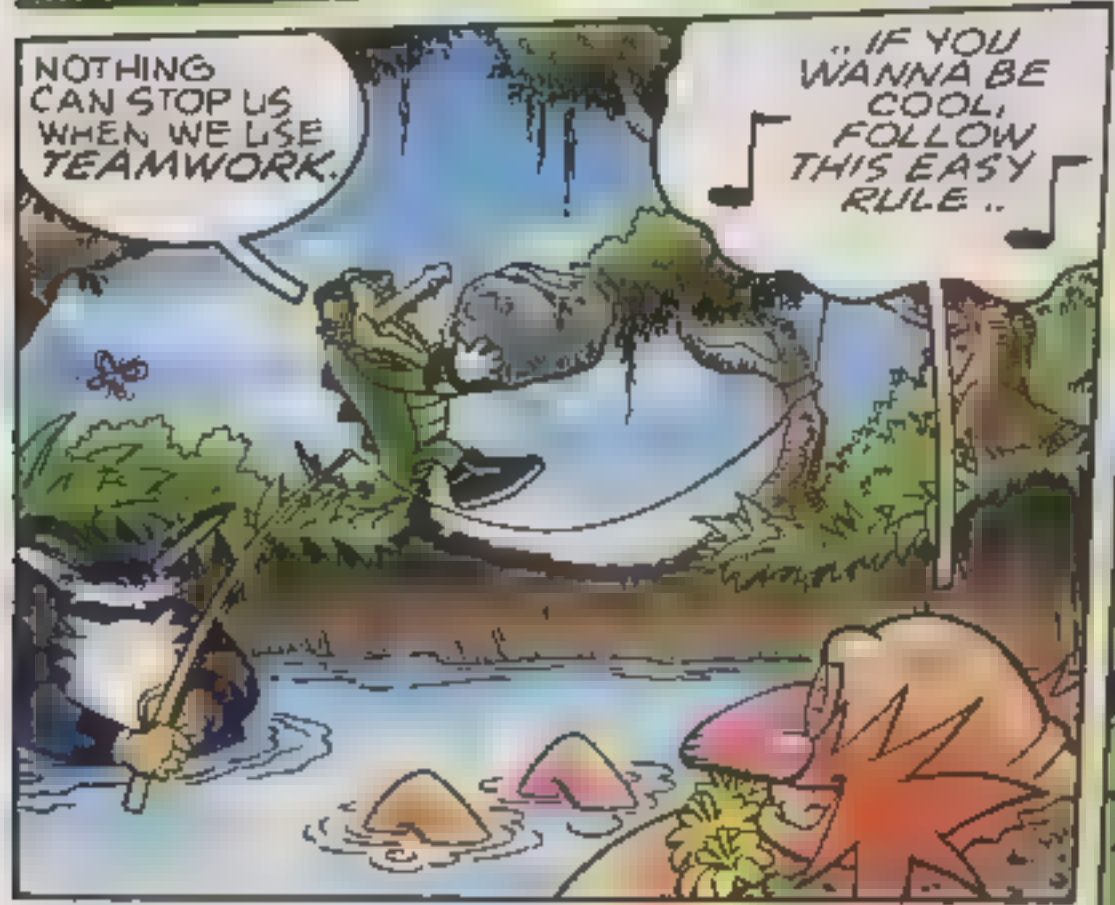

KICK!
HEY!

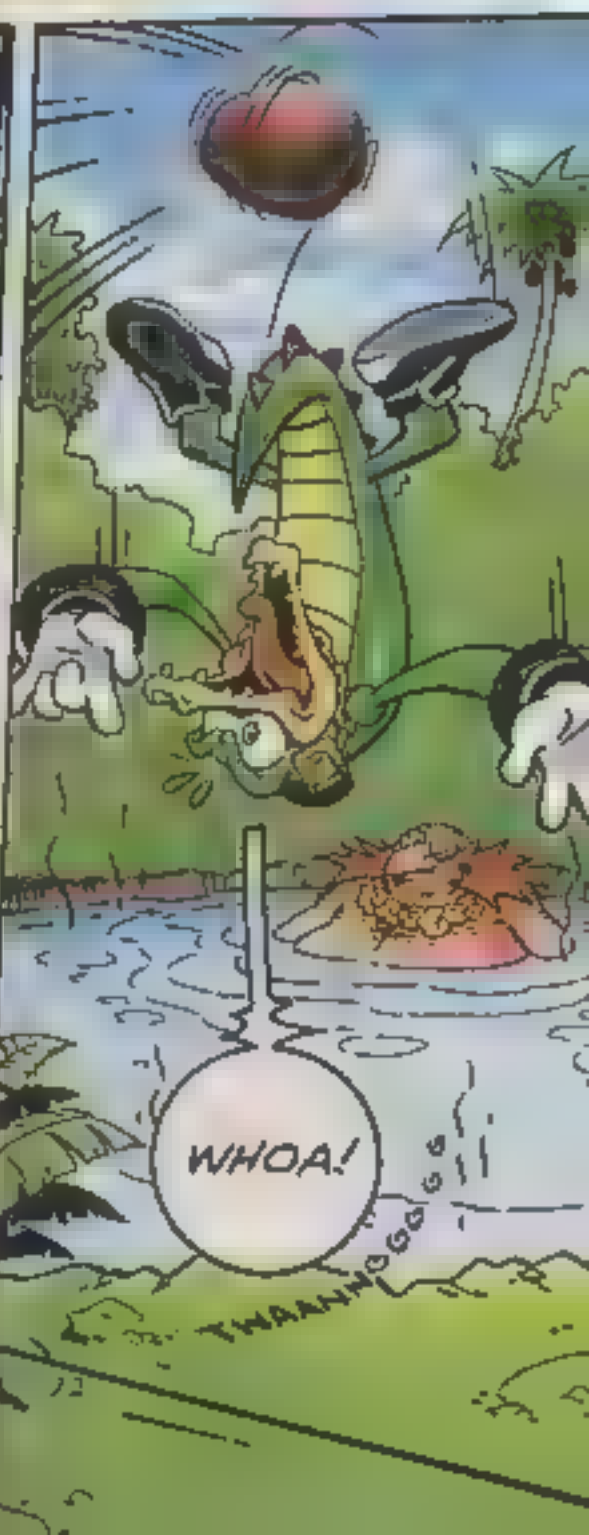

MUST PROTECT THE MASTER EMERALD!
THANKS, RED!

NEVER TRY TO COME BETWEEN A LADY AND HER JEWELS.

THEN IT'S A GOOD THING YOU'RE NOT A LADY AND THIS CHAOS EMERALD ISN'T YOURS!
WHA--?


CATCH!


NOTHING CAN STOP US WHEN WE USE TEAMWORK.
.. IF YOU WANNA BE COOL, FOLLOW THIS EASY RULE ..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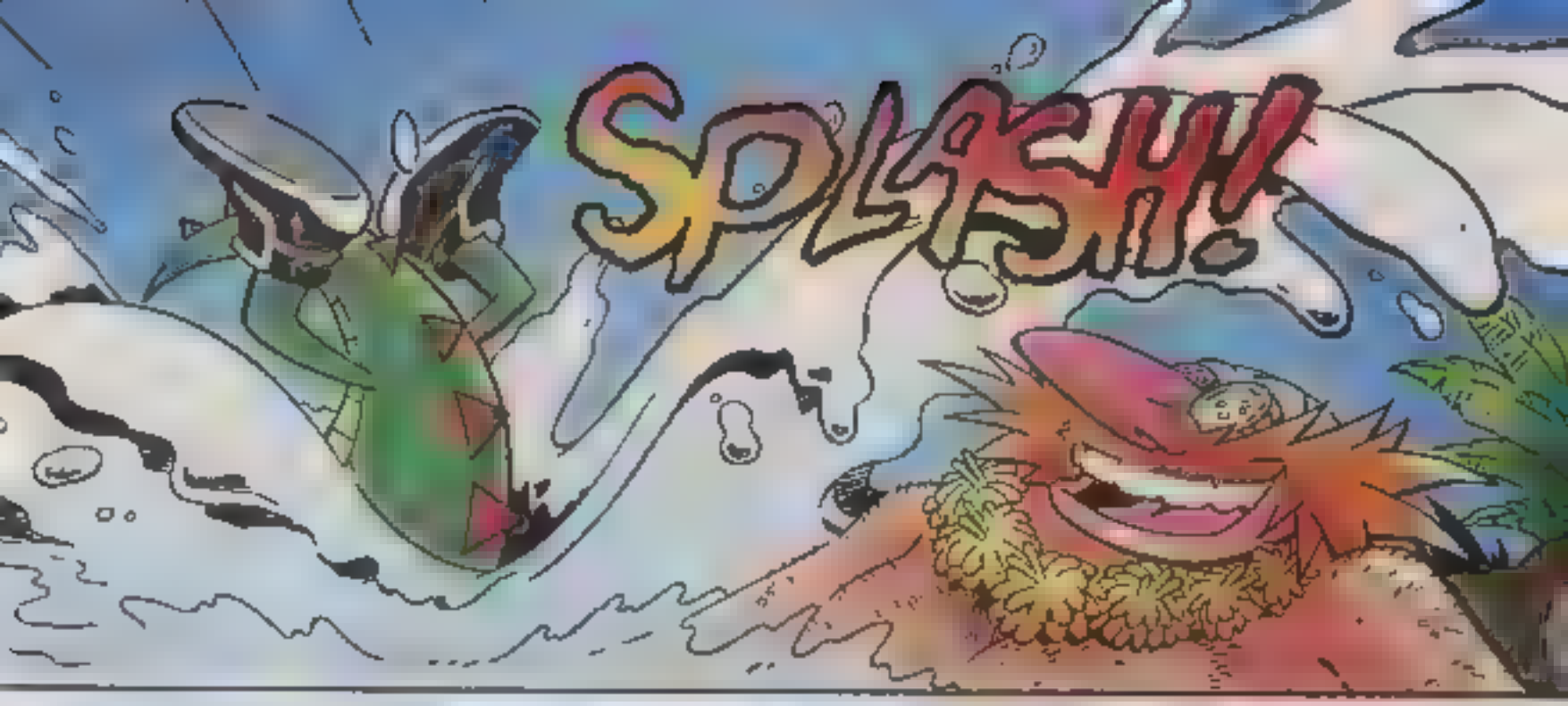
TWAANNGGG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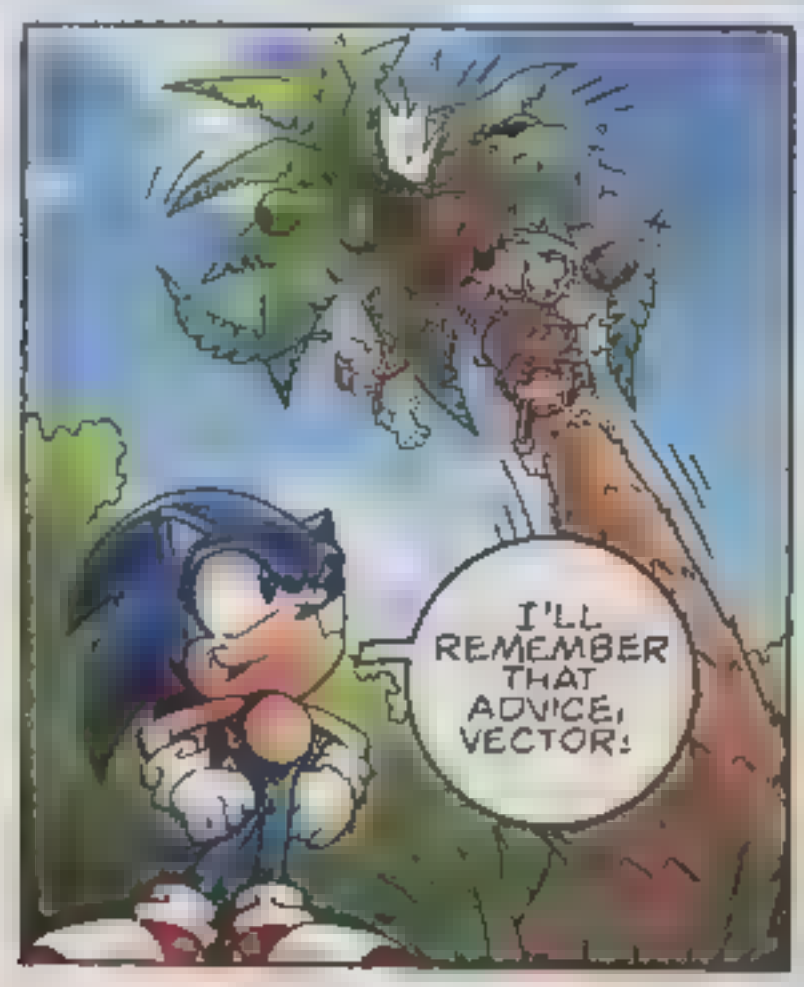
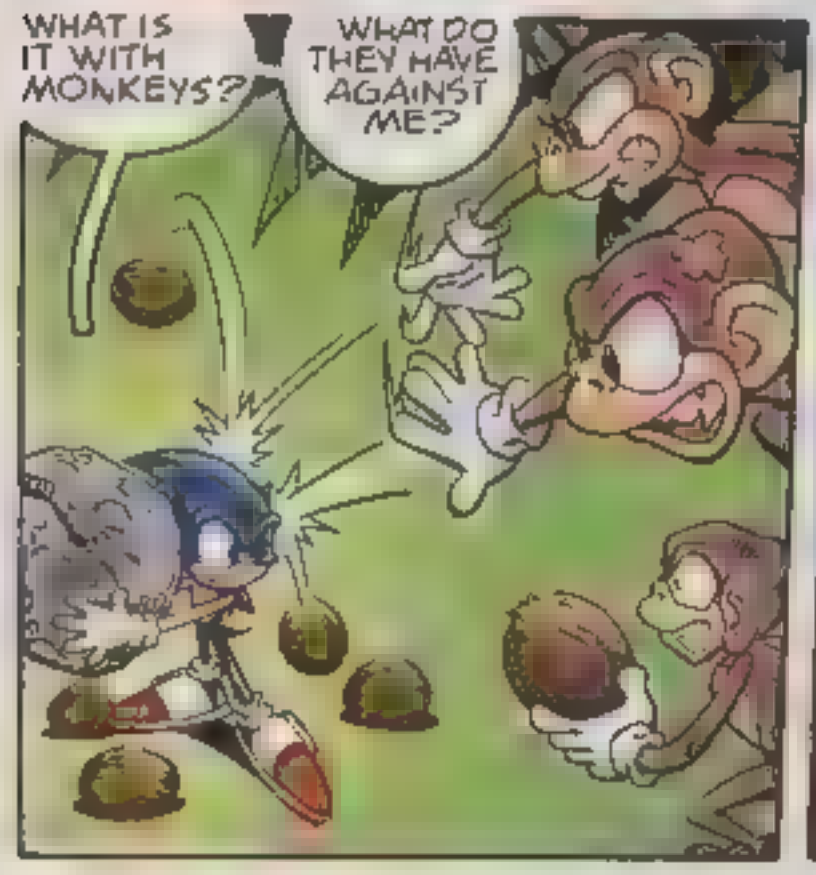
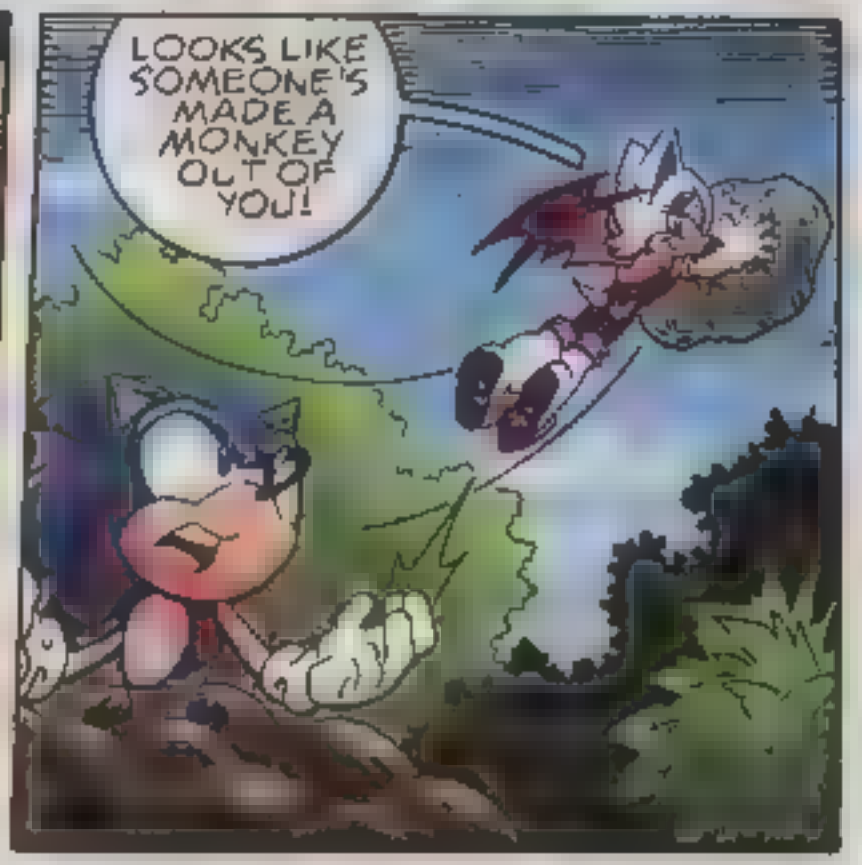
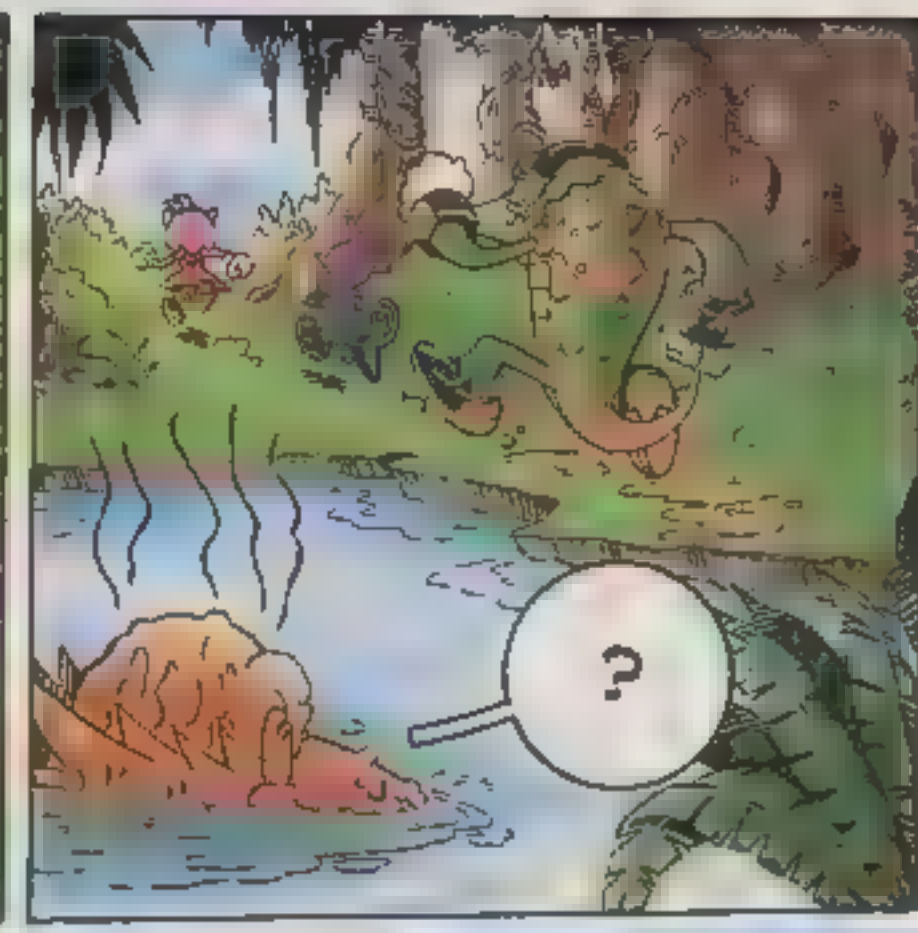

I'LL REMEMBER THAT ADVICE, VECTOR!

GREAT JOB, BIG!


WHAT IS IT WITH MONKEYS?
WHAT DO THEY HAVE AGAINST ME?


LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE'S MADE A MONKEY OUT OF YOU!

COME ON, VECTOR! ROUGE HAS THE METEOR.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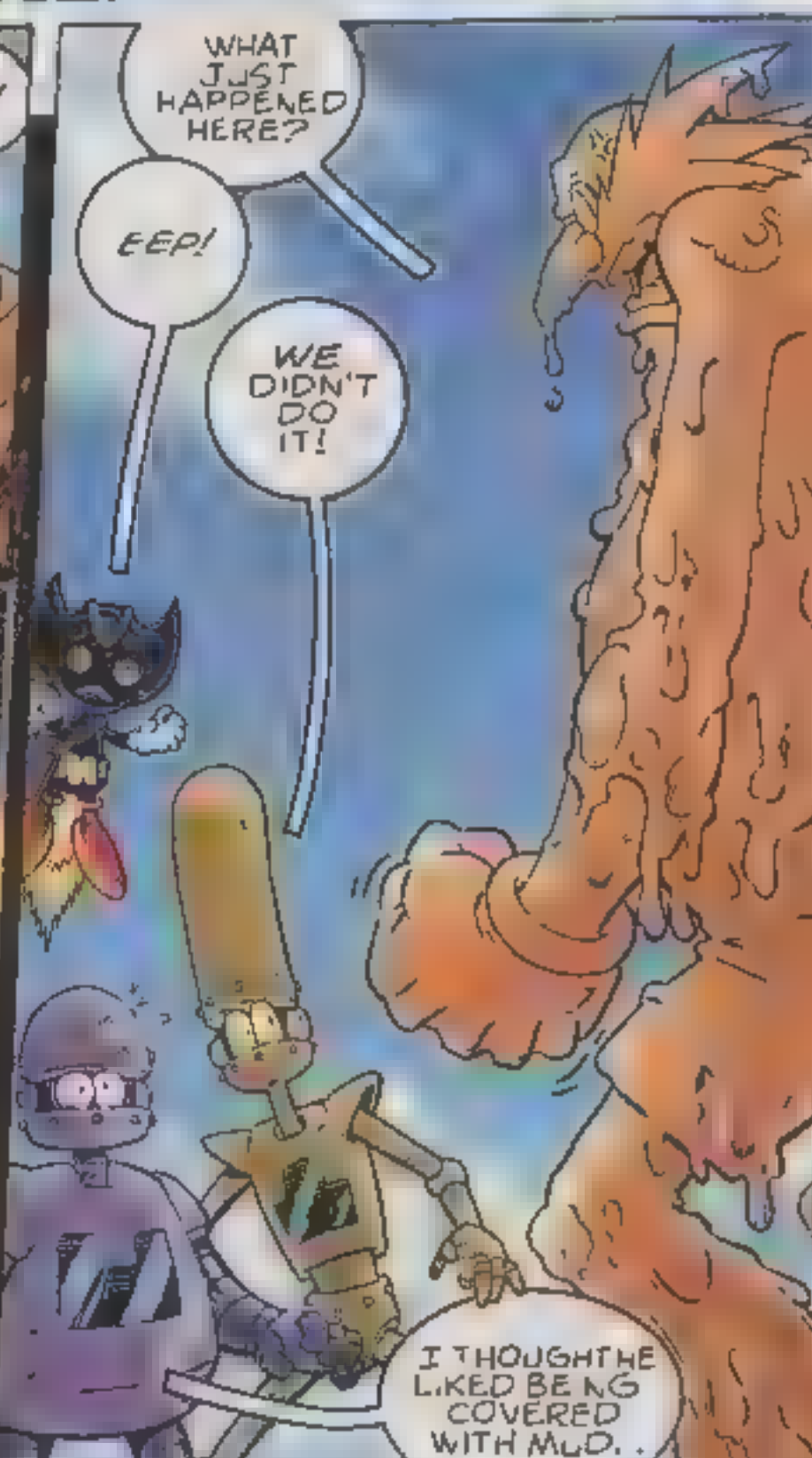
DECOE!
BOCOE!
BOKKUN!

GET OUT HERE!


WHAT JUST HAPPENED HERE?
EEP!
WE DIDN'T DO IT!
I THOUGHT HE LIKED BEING COVERED WITH MUD. .

YOU DON'T THINK A NICE BOY LIKE YOU CAN STOP LI'L OL' ME, DO YOU?

I WON'T HAVE TO.

YOU HAVE A RUN IN YOUR STOCKINGS.

HUH?

YOINK!

YOU WOULDN'T HIT ME WITH YOUR MALLET.

I'M NOT GONNA LET YOU SONIC AND BIGWIN THIS GAME--NOT AFTER THE MEAN WAY SONIC TREATED ME!

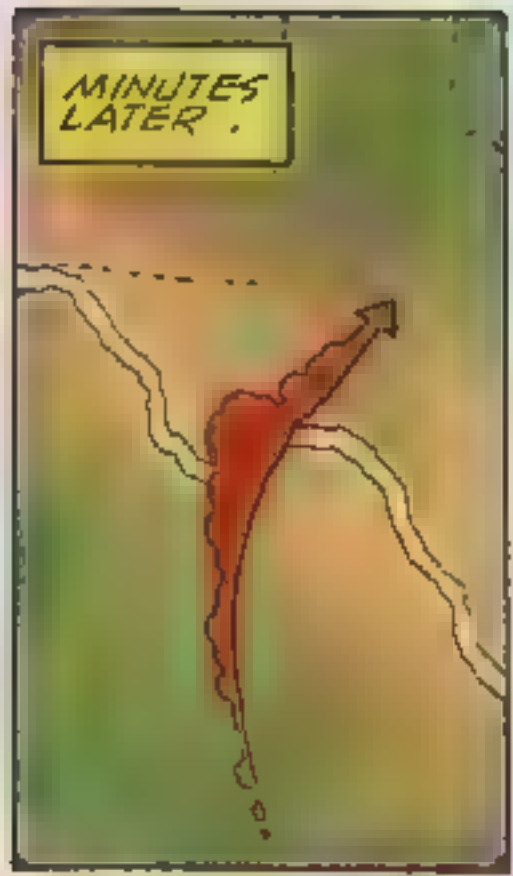
I DON'T WEAR STOCKINGS, YOU SNEAKY LITTLE FOX!

LOOK OUT!

YOW!

THANK YOU!

THUD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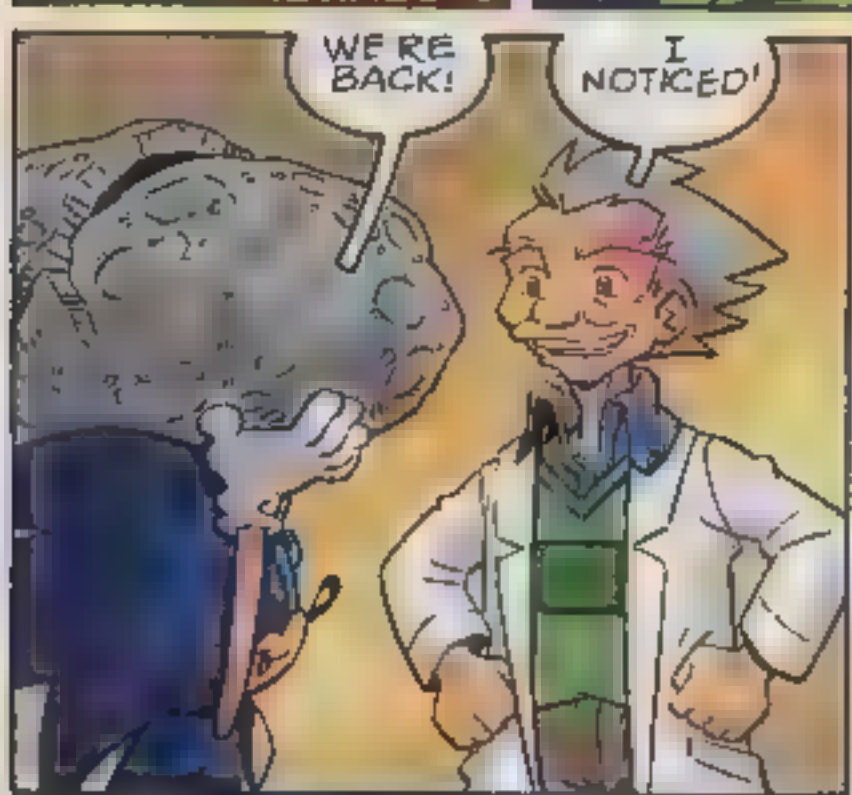
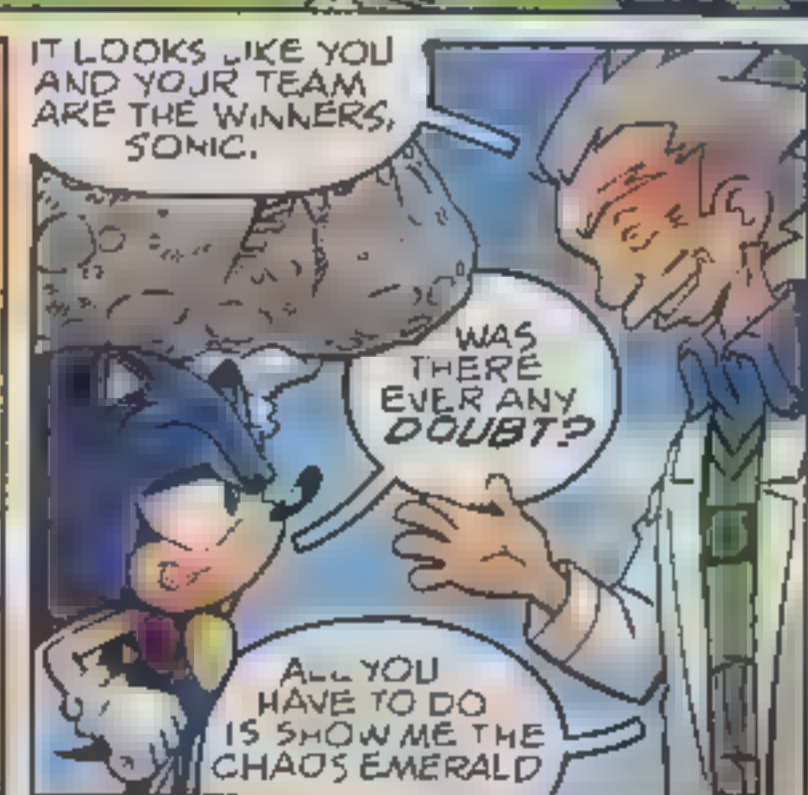
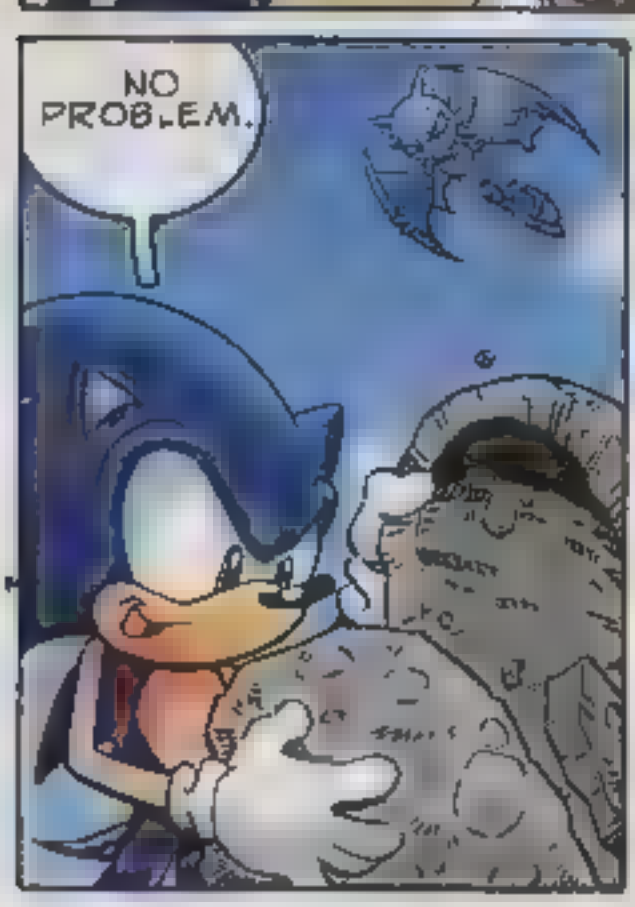

WE'RE BACK!
I NOTICED!


IT LOOKS LIKE YOU AND YOUR TEAM ARE THE WINNERS, SONIC.
WAS THERE EVER ANY DOUBT?
ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS SHOW ME THE CHAOS EMERALD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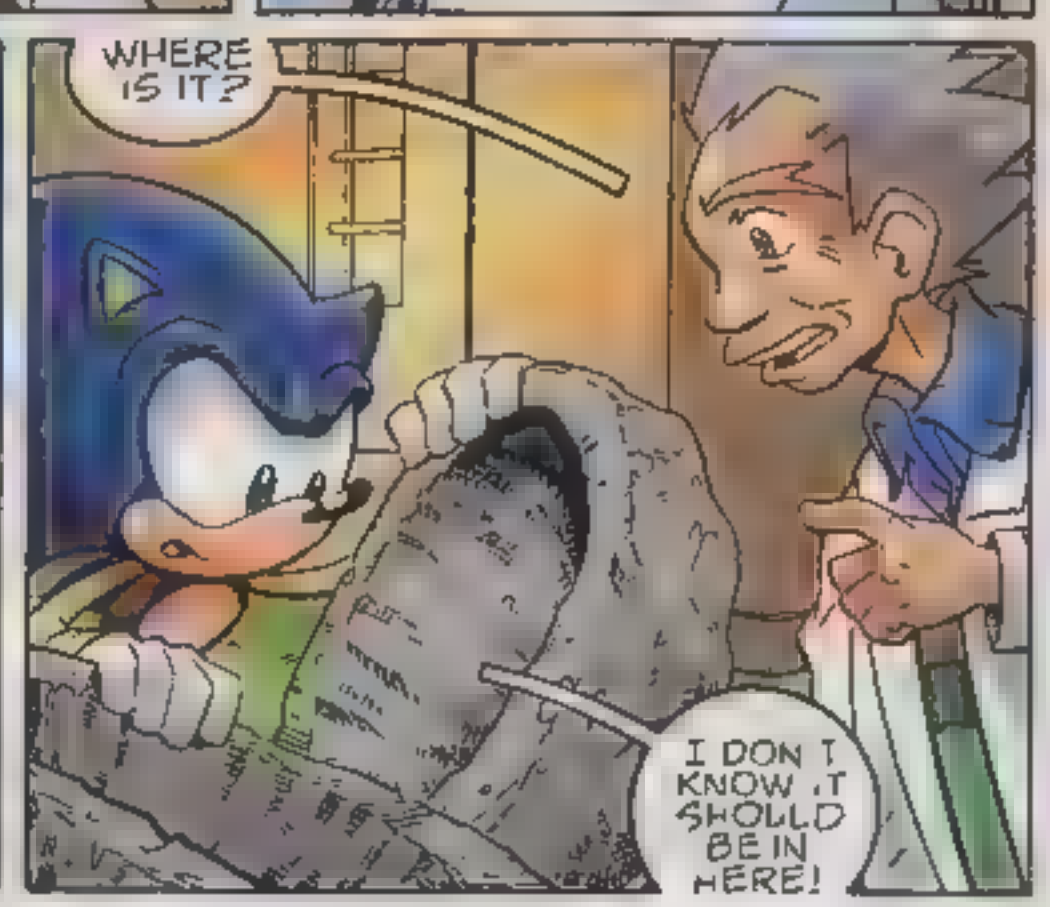
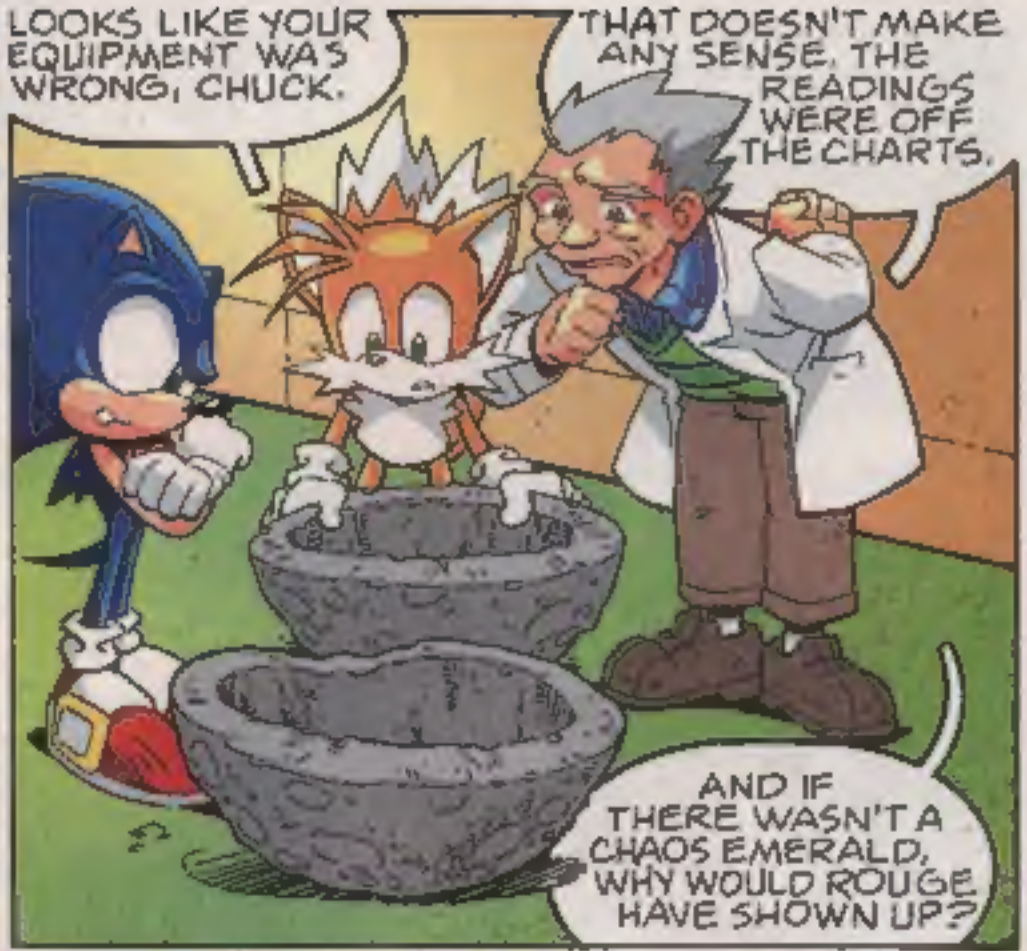
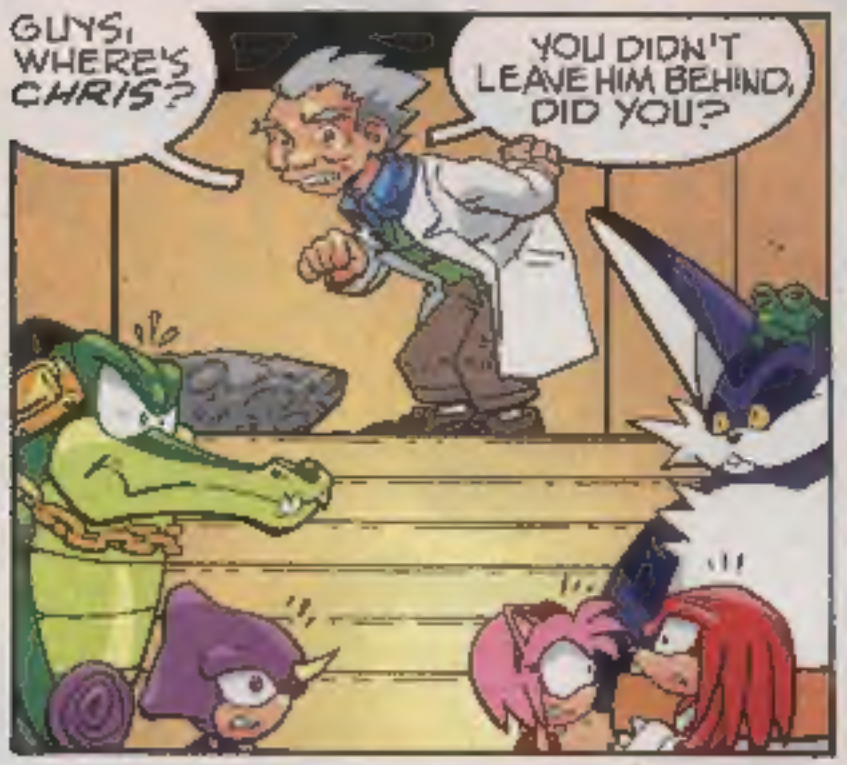

WHERE IS IT?
I DON'T KNOW IT SHOULD BE IN HERE!

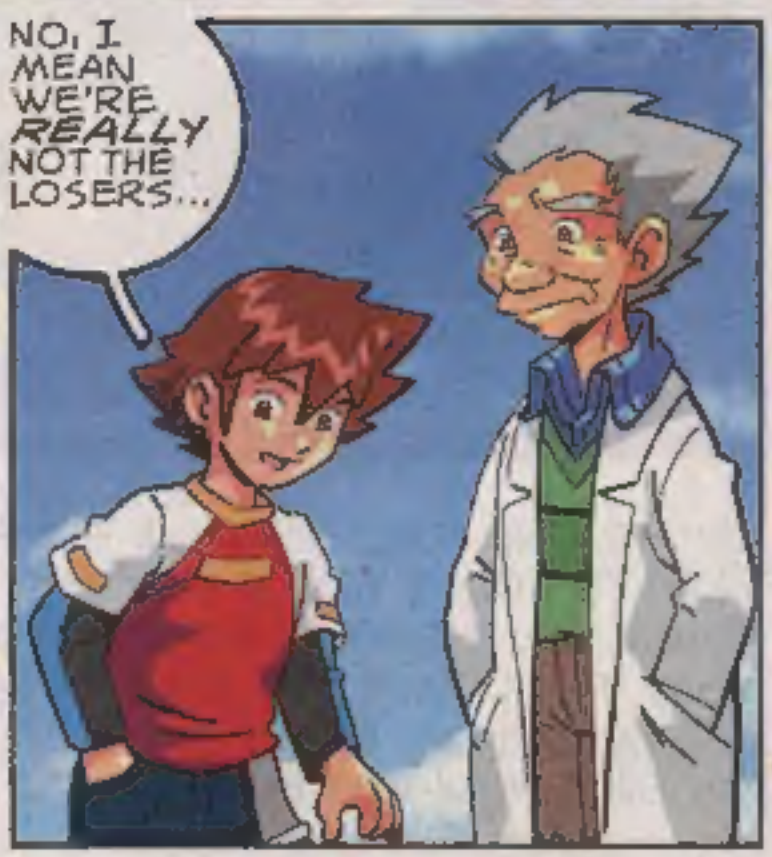
WELL, THAT WAS A BIG WASTE OF TIME.
I'M OUT OF HERE!


LOOKS LIKE YOUR EQUIPMENT WAS WRONG, CHUCK.
THAT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE. THE READINGS WERE OFF THE CHARTS.
AND IF THERE WASN'T A CHAOS EMERALD, WHY WOULD ROUGE HAVE SHOWN UP?


GUYS, WHERE'S *CHRIS*?
YOU DIDN'T LEAVE HIM BEHIND, DID YOU?

WE'RE HERE, GRANDPA.
WE JUST COULDN'T KEEP UP.

BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN WE'RE LOSERS.
I NEVER THOUGHT YOU WERE, CHRIS.


NO, I MEAN WE'RE *REALLY* NOT THE LOSERS...

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Wow, that was WACKY! Now that we're done reeling from all that Meteor Madness, let's see what's in the ol' letter sack for this month...

Dear Sonic X-Grams: I am five years old, and my mom just bought me a comic called "Sonic the Hedgehog - The Beginning", and I loved it! It was so funny to read. I did not know Sonic loved chili dogs, even though I play his games on Gamecube.

And like Angie, all of you should check out one of the ads in this book (either the Sonic Checklist or Sonic Graphic Novel Checklist) and order yourselves a copy of "Sonic the Hedgehog - The Beginning"! That classic graphic novel includes the entirety of the ORIGINAL Sonic mini-series, all digitally restored for your reading pleasure! (SHAMELESS PLUG #1!!)

I hope we can find more books like this soon!

- ANGIE D.
KANSAS

Ah, but you CAN, Angie! Just go back to those same ads and fill out an order for "Sonic Archives" Volumes 1-7 and "Sonic Select" Volume 1, all on sale NOW! Relive all your favorite Sonic classics from the earlier issues and Super Specials! (SHAMELESS PLUG #2!)

Dear Sonic X-Grams: I'm pretty sure you already know that Sonic is a character in "Super Smash Bros. Brawl". I was wondering if you were going to do a comic book tie-in. I really like those.

- ALEX M.
NEW JERSEY

While there are no current plans for a "Brawl" tie-in, we do have tie-ins in the works for the two new Sonic-centric games coming out this year: "Sonic Unleashed" & "Sonic Chronicles: The Dark Brotherhood"! So keep an eye out for those upcoming adaptations (SHAMELESS PLUG #3!) And I guess this doesn't really count as a shameless plug, but from one Sonic geek to many others, you should all pick up a copy of "Super Smash Bros. Brawl" for your Nintendo Wii! The more Sonic in your life, the better! (SORT-OF SHAMELESS PLUG #4!)

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"Fool Party" - When the Thorndykes hold a competition for a relaxing day at their luxurious pool, guess who decides to make a splash (more like a tidal wave) for himself?

ON SALE WEEK OF 7/7/08

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Ah, another issue, another batch of letters answered. Be sure to come back next time for even more Sonic X goodness, and don't forget: Keep on juicin'!

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